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RECOVERABLE SYSTEM FOR MOORING MOBILE OFFSHORE DRILLING UNITS

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and encloses a check in the amount of \$870.00 pursuant to C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for the filing fee.

Please telephone the undersigned at (214) 999-4291 if there are any questions.

Dated this 24th day of February 2000.

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